

House Resolution No. 2190

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge those Show-Me State high school athletic programs which have demonstrated the value of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, and determination through the exemplary nature of their attainments; and

Whereas, Cardinal Ritter College Prep in St. Louis, Missouri, sponsored a boys basketball team which completed the regular season with an outstanding 27-0 win-loss record and a berth in post-season Class 3 Missouri State High School Activities Association state competition; and

Whereas, on March 21, 2003, the Cardinal Ritter Lions claimed the State Championship title with a decisive 64 to 53 victory over Ash Grove to remain undefeated with 31 wins; and

Whereas, the Cardinal Ritter Lions were admirably led by Coach of the Year Marvin Neals with assistance from Leroy Jackson, Ken Kaid, David Robinson, and Ken Burke, Sr.; and

Whereas, players forming the Cardinal Ritter Lions basketball team for 2002-2003 included Bryan Baldwin, Alexander Barnett, Raymond Brown, Ken Burke, Dewon Byrd, Alvin Davie, Terry Evans, Marquis Jones, Jamel Lacy, Kilian Toms, William Toussaint, Markus Upchurch, Antione Vinson, and Jonathon Mosley; and

Whereas, in addition to the glory associated with capturing First Place in the state playoffs, the Cardinal Ritter Lions basketball team garnered other accolades, including having two players named to the All-State team: Kenny Burke and Antione Vinson; and

Whereas, Cardinal Ritter College Prep is a Roman Catholic school which enjoys a stellar reputation for excellence and a student body which is composed of nearly seventy-three percent non-Catholic youths attracted to its academic rigor and stellar extracurricular opportunities:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the spectacular achievements garnered by the Lions boys basketball team this year and to convey to its players, coaches, and parents this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon taking First Place in state Class 3 championship competition and our best wishes for continued success long into the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the 2002-2003 Cardinal Ritter College Prep Lions boys basketball program.

Offered by _____
Representative Amber (Holly) Boykins
District No. 60

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2190, adopted April 28, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker